THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Ninth Five Year Plan Sub Group Report have projected 19.426 Million Tonnes production estimates of LPG by the Public Sector Companies and their Joint Ventures during the Ninth Five Year Plan period.

(b) At present following number of LPG bottling plants are operating in the country with total bottling capacity of 3457 TMTPA:

Oil Co.	No. of bottling plants
IOC	42
BPC	19
HPC	30
Total:	91

(c) and (d) A total number of 115 LPG bottling plants have been planned during the IX Plan period. It is too early to indicate the exact time of commissioning of these plants.

ONGC Sales Revenue

1965. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC sales revenue got a boost from its LPG and Natural Gas production in 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to further increase production to meet overall shortage of LPG in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sales revenue from LPG and natural gas during the last two years was as under:—

(figs. in Rs. Crs.)

Year	Sales revenue from LPG production	Sales revenue from natural gas production
1995-96	249.50	2838.50
1996-97	260.70	2829.70

(c) The following steps are being taken by ONGC to increase the LPG production from their existing production facilities located at Uran in Maharashtra and Hazira, Ankelswar and Gandhar in Gujarat.

1. The upgradation of gas processing facilities in Uran terminal is expected to increase the LPG production by about 50,000 tonnes per annum.
2. Upgradation of gas handling and sweetening facilities in Hazira terminal is expected to increase LPG production by about 30,000 tonnes per annuam.
3. After commissioning of gas compressors under Gandhar Phase II Development, the LPG production has increased by about 35,000 tonnes per annum.

Proposal to Compensate ONGC and Oil

1966. DR. D. VENKATESWAR RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to compensate ONGC and OIL for giving some of their fields to private sector, in 1994;

(b) if so,. the details thereof; and

(c) the rate of cess and royalty being paid on oil and gas explored from small and medium size discovered fields?